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Ms. Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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Dear Chairwoman Savage and Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

I write in support of the joint venture plans of US HealthVest and OSF Healthcare System to build a 100-bed adult behavioral health hospital in Peoria.

Mental illness, whether acute or chronic, is a serious concern across communities I represent. The design and construction of a new inpatient mental health hospital with a full continuum of services in Peoria will help address these unmet needs. People across Illinois who require varying levels of behavioral health care will find the compassion, support and access to clinical expertise they need, close to home.

I stand with US HealthVest and OSF in supporting patients and families throughout Illinois who are seeking local access to inpatient behavioral health care. I appreciate your consideration and request your support of this project and approval by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally J. Turner".

Sally J. Turner
State Senator, 44th District